

## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

An apparatus for effecting separation of liquid from solids or solids from liquid comprising a frame supporting a belt or belts held by and between rollers with drive means so as to progress each belt through a collection zone to a compression zone, where at the collection zone the belt or belts are positioned and orientated and shaped and caused to be changed in shape from an upstream position to a downstream position, providing thereby a supporting shape to hold liquid, one part of which shape is defined at a downstream location by a coming together of facing surfaces of one or more of the belts.